

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 187

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joshua Ragan, 2007  
Top Ten Student of Sullivan East High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Ragan is one such exceptional student who was recently named Top Ten Student of the 2007 graduating class at Sullivan East High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Ragan has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joshua has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.094 while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among his peers, Joshua Ragan has been a valued member of the Student Council and has served as class Vice President, Captain of the football team, and a member of the Prom Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, this exceptional young man has earned numerous honors and awards, including Beta/Ruritan honors in Algebra I and II, World History, World Geography, Biology I and II, AP Biology, Economics/Government, U.S. History, Geometry Honors, PE Weights, Chemistry I and II, English III, Lifetime Recreation, Medical Therapeutics, and Spanish I and II; he was also named as an AIMS Scholar, is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Athletes* and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and received an award for Outstanding Achievements in Academics and Sports from Paperville United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, Mr. Ragan is also an avid sports enthusiast and has been a key member of his school's football and track and field teams; he was named Freshman Defensive Player of the Year and received Honorable Mention awards in football from SportsQuest All-American and from All-Mountain Lakes Conference; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Joshua Ragan has provided much-welcome assistance to various worthy organizations, with his work ranging from hospice care to youth football camp coaching; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ragan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, Joshua's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jeff Ragan and Wendy Ragan, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Ragan's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Joshua Ragan, 2007 Sullivan East High School Top Ten Student, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.